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NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28, filed August 10, 2009.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue patent under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Per the signature of registered attorney Richard D. Allison, the fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This patent is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this patent must be paid at the large entity rate.

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